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July 20, 1979



Mr. Ronald W. Daniels
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Dear Mr. Daniels:

Thank you for arranging the opportunity for me to visit with your staff attorney, Ms. Denise Dragoo and your reclamation hydrologist, Mr. Mike Thompson, concerning notice of intention for the Small Fry Uranium Mine.

In compliance with your requests of September 8, 1978 and based upon discussions with your staff, we are submitting in narration form the following notarized addendum to the mining and reclamation plan which was previously submitted by this company.

- Rule M-10 (1) Land Use. The entire area has been chained by the Bureau of Land Management and, consequently, very little natural vegetation exists in this rough desert terrain. The land is only minimally suited to marginal grazing uses. The broadcasting of crested wheat grass will be done in the manner performed by the BLM, although if a determination of the project comparably priced alternative or mixed seeds are available, we will consult with your reclamation biologist regarding possible alternative grasses.
- (2) Public Safety and Welfare. Shafts, tunnels and holes will be sealed to prevent unauthorized or accidental entry. Trash and debris will be adequately disposed of and warning signs posted if there appears to be a likelihood of public access.
- (3) Impoundments. N/A.
- (4) Slopes. The minimal waste will be contoured to the surrounding terrain.
- (5) High Walls. Although this mine is not a strip or open-pit mine, we will grade the road and pad area immediately adjacent to the adit to the approximate contour of the surrounding terrain.
- (6) Toxic Materials. It is not anticipated that there will be any toxic materials left at the site.

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- (7) Roads and Pads. See "11-B Access Roads" of MR-Form 2. In addition, the on-site roads and pads will be contoured and seeded as described previously.
- (8) Drainages. N/A. Also see MR-Form 2, 11-D.
- (9) Structures and Equipment. Surface structures will be removed prior to re-grading and reclamation.
- (10) Shafts and Portals. Shafts and portals will be covered and the small surface area of the mine will be contoured.
- (11) Sediment Control. There are no ponds, streams or dams used in this project. Sediment control would not seem to be a problem. However, as regards rain run-off from the site, the site will be contoured and seeded as described previously.
- (12) Revegetation. The small surface of the mine and disturbed area will be revegetated with crested wheat grass in the manner of the surrounding terrain such as completed by the BLM. Prior to the commencement of mining activities, only 7.5% of the ground area was vegetated. In addition, the terrain is very rocky and steep and not capable of supporting extensive vegetation.
- (13) Dams. N/A.
- (14) Soils. See MR-Form 2, question 11 c,d,e,f, and Grading and Regrading, a,b,c,d,e.

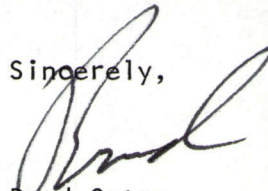
Finally, you will see that most of this information is addressed in our MR-2 form already submitted.

As we had discussed, the mine is currently operating at minimal capacity, although it is being used to ventilate other mines in the area. In addition, some minimal production is taking place. We are at this time attempting to locate milling facilities, at which time the mine will operate at much higher production levels. If, however, the mine completely ceases to operate, we will still notify you as you have requested pursuant to regulations.

Again, Mr. Daniels, I feel that this addenda is substantially as I discussed with your staff, but if you have any further problems with accepting our notice of intention, please so notify me.

Again, thank you for your cooperation in this matter. I look forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely,



Brad Cates
Attorney at Law

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State of New Mexico)
County of Bernalillo)

I, Paul A. Matthews, having been duly sworn, depose and attest that to the best of my knowledge all of the representations contained in the foregoing addenda to our application are true and accurate and that I am authorized to complete and file this application on behalf of the applicant.

Paul A. Matthews

Acknowledged before me this 20th day of July, 1979.

Mildred B. Holmen
Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

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